

FLIES AND THEIR

DISEASES

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Examples of Diptera (Flies)

Early Stage Decomposition



**Blow & Greenbottle Flies
(Calliphoridae)**
Metallic thorax and abdomen



**Flesh Fly
(Sarcophagidae)**
Striped thorax



**Life Cycle of a
Calliphoridae Fly**

Late Stage Decomposition



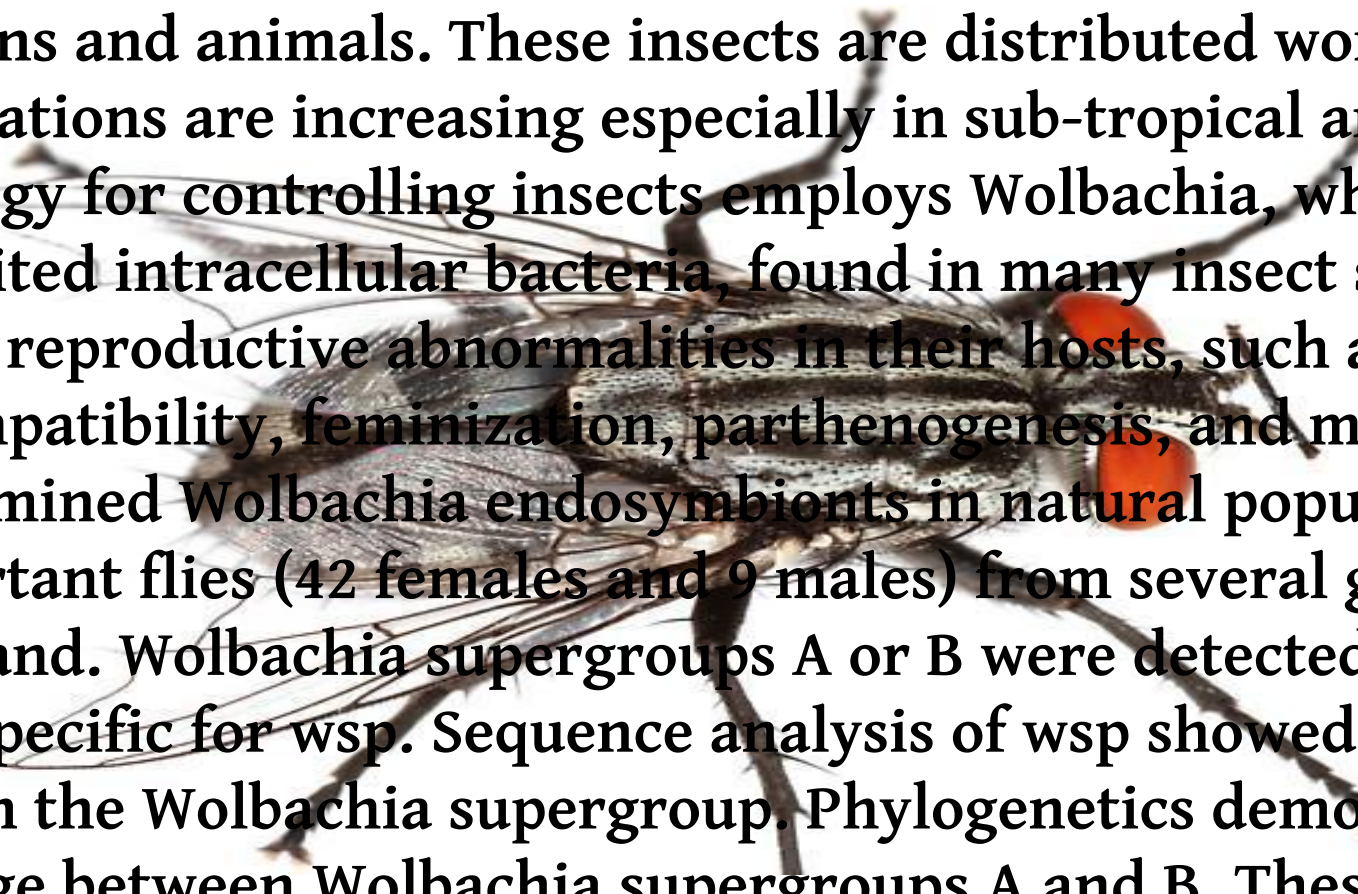
**House Fly
(Muscidae)**



**Cheese Skipper
(Piophilidae)**

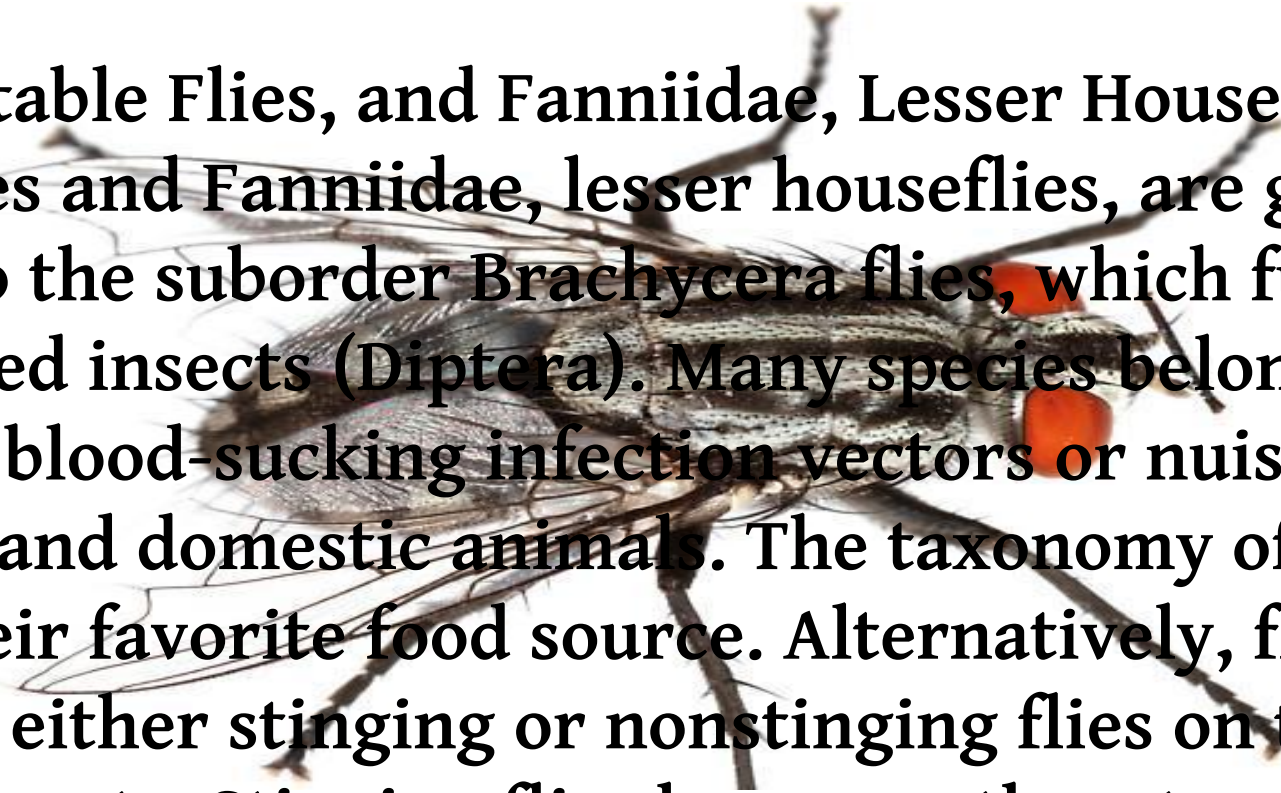
INTRODUCTION

Filth flies, belonging to suborder Brachycera (Family; Muscidae, Calliphoridae and Sarcophagidae), are a major cause of nuisance and able to transmit pathogens to humans and animals. These insects are distributed worldwide and their populations are increasing especially in sub-tropical and tropical areas. One strategy for controlling insects employs Wolbachia, which is a group of maternally inherited intracellular bacteria, found in many insect species. The bacteria can cause reproductive abnormalities in their hosts, such as cytoplasmic incompatibility, feminization, parthenogenesis, and male lethality. In this study we determined Wolbachia endosymbionts in natural population of medically important flies (42 females and 9 males) from several geographic regions of Thailand. Wolbachia supergroups A or B were detected in 7 of female flies using PCR specific for wsp. Sequence analysis of wsp showed variations between and within the Wolbachia supergroup. Phylogenetics demonstrated that wsp is able to diverge between Wolbachia supergroups A and B. These data should be useful in future Wolbachia-based programs of fly control.



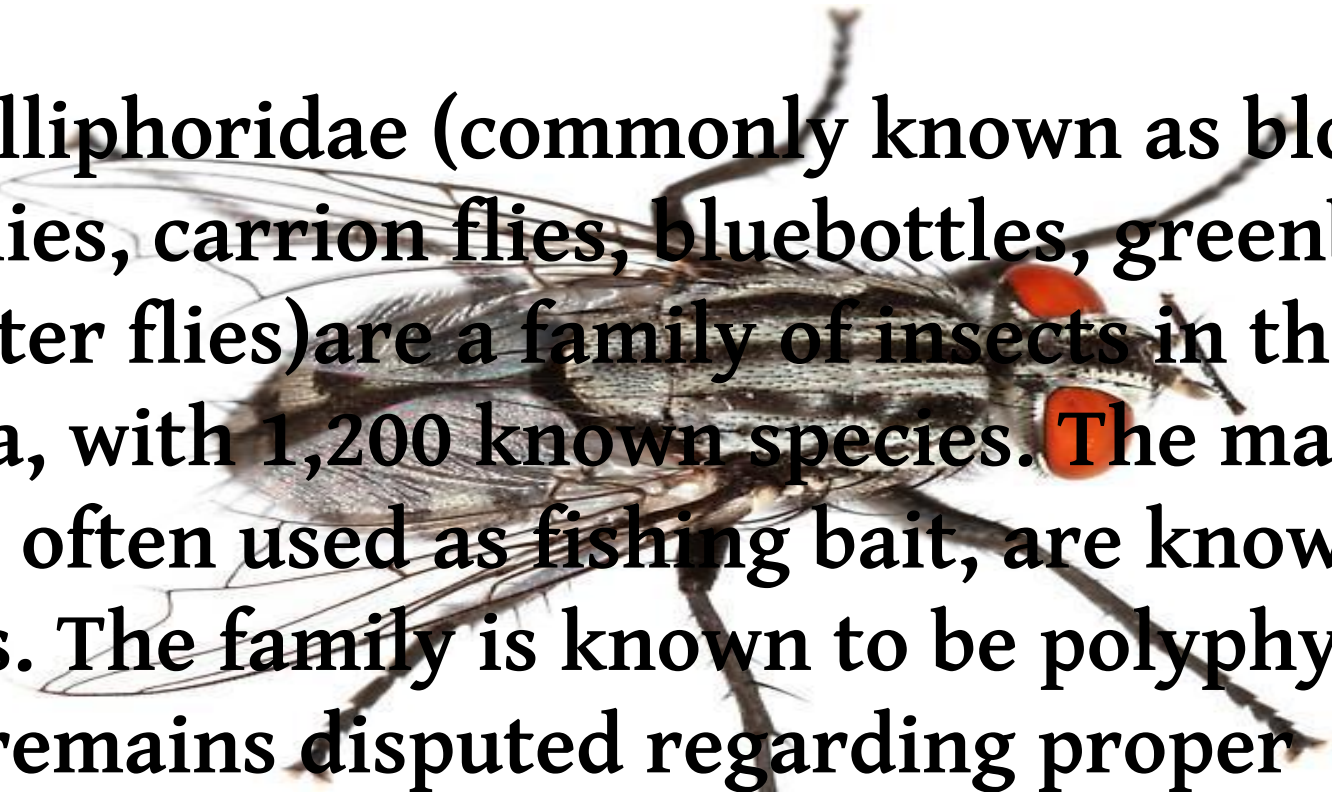
CLASS MUSCIDAE

Muscidae, Stable Flies, and Fanniidae, Lesser Houseflies Muscidae or stable flies and Fanniidae, lesser houseflies, are genera belonging to the suborder Brachycera flies, which further belong to two-winged insects (Diptera). Many species belonging to these families are blood-sucking infection vectors or nuisance species for humans and domestic animals. The taxonomy of flies is often based on their favorite food source. Alternatively, flies can be also classified as either stinging or nonstinging flies on the basis of their mouthparts. Stinging flies have mouthparts adapted for piercing the skin and for acquiring blood and tissue fluids for nutrition. The species-level identification is based on size, mouthparts, coloring, the presence of stripes and spots, and the patterns of wing veins



CLASS CALLIPHORIDAE

The Calliphoridae (commonly known as blow flies, blow-flies, carrion flies, bluebottles, greenbottles, or cluster flies) are a family of insects in the order Diptera, with 1,200 known species. The maggot larvae, often used as fishing bait, are known as gentles. The family is known to be polyphyletic, but much remains disputed regarding proper treatment of the constituent taxa, some of which are occasionally accorded family status (e.g., Bengaliidae, Helicoboscidae, Polleniidae, and Rhiniidae).



Sarcophagidae



- Commonly known as flesh flies
- Larviparous:
 - The eggs develop internally and the females birth live larvae that is relatively large in size
- *Sarcophaga bullata* were specifically used to represent the single species
- Representative of a lab setting testing a single species of fly

Sarcophaga bullata



Blowfly (Family Calliphoridae)

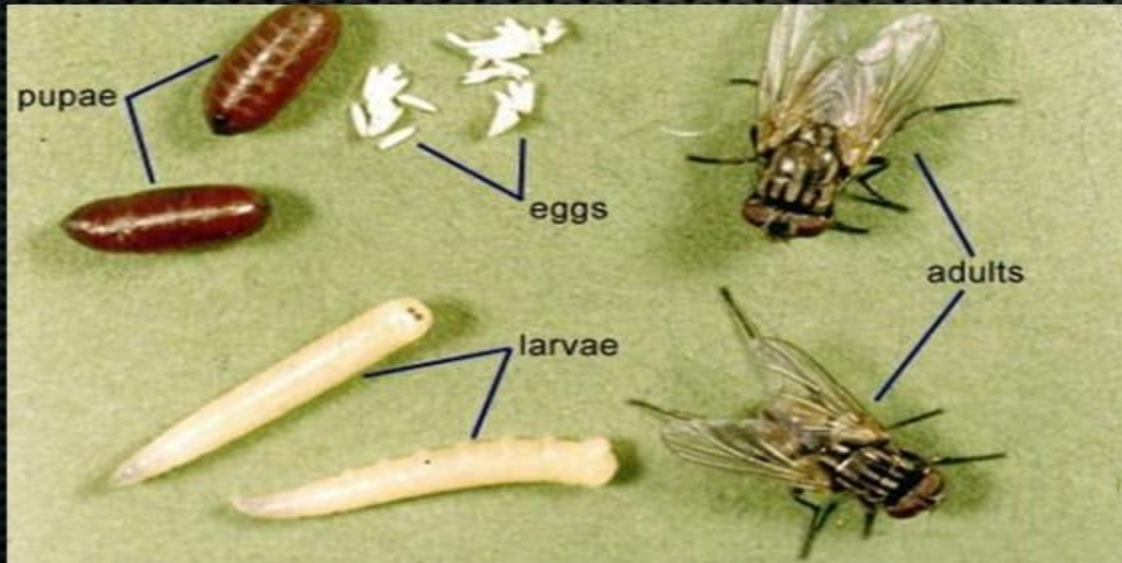
Blowfly (Family Calliphoridae)

- a. **Description and lifespan:** The blow fly feeds on decaying matter and feces. The blowfly infests in wounds or matted hair of sheep, goats, cattle, and others. The lifespan of a blowfly is between 2-8 weeks
- b. **Symptoms:** Inflamed wounds, hair loss. Blood poisoning may occur.
- c. **Treatment:** Removing dirty wool, cleaning up and dressing any open wounds.
- d. **Prevention:** Cleanup any animal remains, feces, and garbage to reduce attraction to an area. Make sure animals with wounds are dressed and cleaned.



Muscidae

- Large fly group
- Includes number of species of economic/public health importance
- House fly, face fly, stable fly, horn fly, latrine fly





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Sarcophagidae - flesh flies

- Adults lay larvae on decaying flesh
- Some of the first insect to reach a corpse



Calliphoridae – blowflies

- Different species have different habits – light vs. dark, urban vs. rural
- All have larvae that feed on corpses
- Also one of the first to arrive

Diseases caused by flies



- **Typhoid fever**
- **Polio**
- **Cholera**
- **Bacillary dysentery**
- **Tricoma virus**
- **Leprosy**
- **Tuberculosis**
- **Enteric infections**



Poliovirus

Polio

Polio is a highly contagious viral disease that can occur at any age. But children are more likely to contract the virus

90% have no symptoms

10% have flu-like symptoms

0.5% have paralysis

Vaccination is the only prevention

Infection and destruction of anterior horn cells of spinal cord

Virus is transmitted in drinking water contaminated with feces

Virus replicates in the intestine

Some virus pass from intestine into feces and contaminate water

Virus can go into the bloodstream (viremia) and can extend to the spinal cord

Nerve cell damage can cause muscle paralysis in legs, muscles of abdomen, thorax or brainstem. Even death



Cholera

Classed by the World Health Organization as a key indicator of lack of social development

Life cycle

3 Disruption of water and sanitation systems, displacement of populations to overcrowded camps increases risk

3 Passes into human digestive system through drinking or contaminated food



2 Organic pollutants such as human and animal waste can provide the nutrients to trigger epidemic of the bacteria

■ Up to 5 million cholera cases annually worldwide
■ 100,000 to 120,000 deaths a year

1 *V. cholerae* naturally occurs in aquatic sources such as wetlands, estuaries, and stagnant water, often associated with algal blooms

Infection

▶ Incubation period 2 hours to 5 days

▶ About 75 percent of infected people do not develop symptoms

▶ **20 percent of those showing symptoms develop acute watery diarrhoea and dehydration**

▶ Can kill within hours if untreated or successfully treated with rehydration salts, intravenous fluids

5 Exits body through faeces. Faeces can be contagious for up to 14 days



CHOLERA

Acute, diarrheal illness caused by infection of the intestine with the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*

Profuse watery diarrhea "rice water stools"

Vomiting

Dehydration

Circulatory collapse

Shock

Incubation period:
2 hours to 5 days

Annual Infection
3 - 5 million

Annual deaths:
100,000



Bacteria exits body through feces
Feces can be contagious for upto
14 days



Infected by
ingesting
contaminated
water or food



Make water
safe



Prepare
safe food



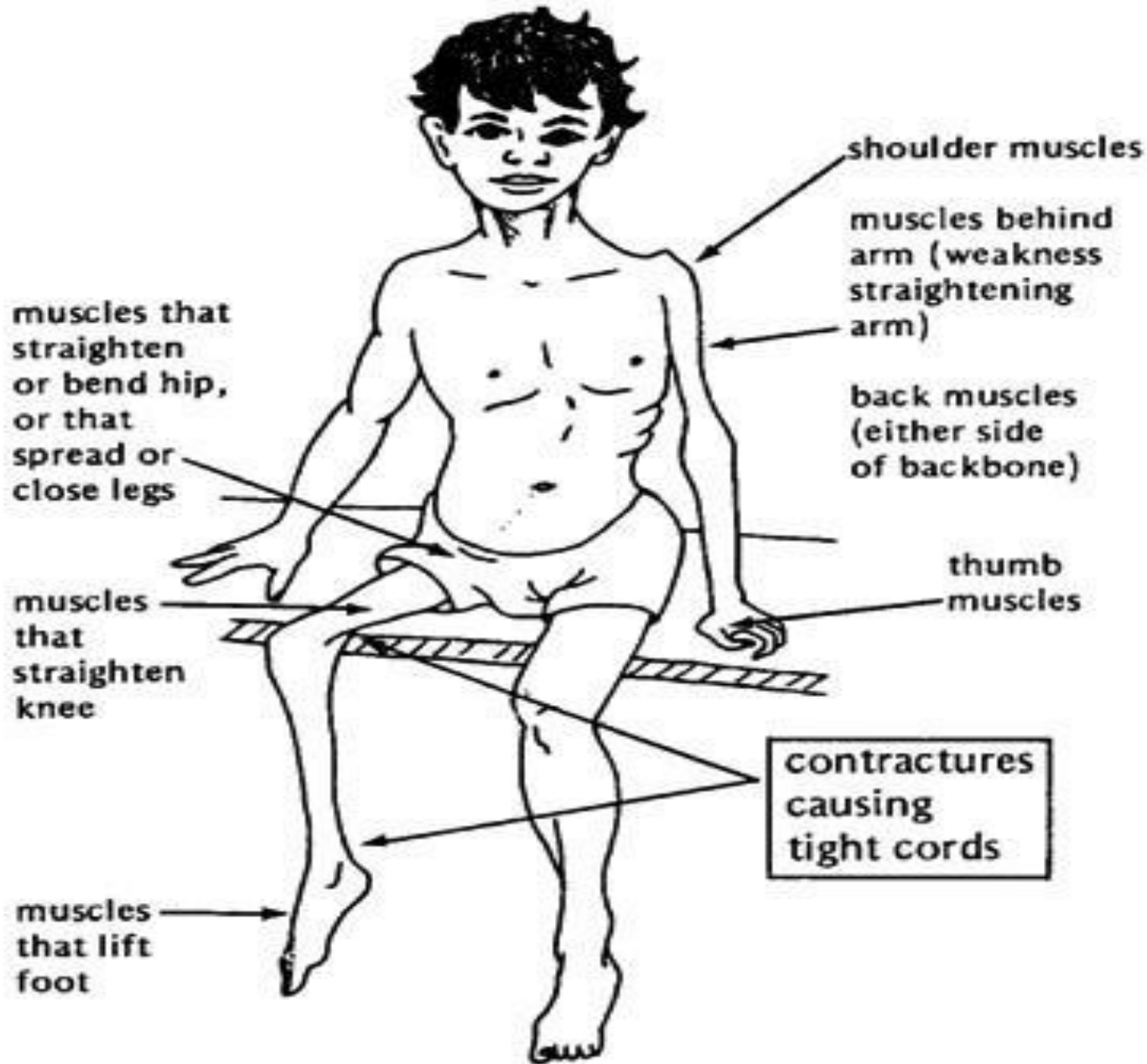
Wash your
hands



Keep
toilets
clean



MUSCLES COMMONLY WEAKENED BY POLIO



Polio is caused by the poliovirus. The polio virus usually enters the environment in the feces of someone who is infected. In areas with poor sanitation, the virus easily spreads from feces into the water supply, or, by touch, into food.

TYPHOID SIGNS & SYMPTOMS



COMMON SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:



Fever
(39-40°C)



Head and
muscle aches



stomach
pain



rash made
up of small
pink spots
on the trunk
of the body



loss of appetite



constipation
or diarrhoea



exhaustion

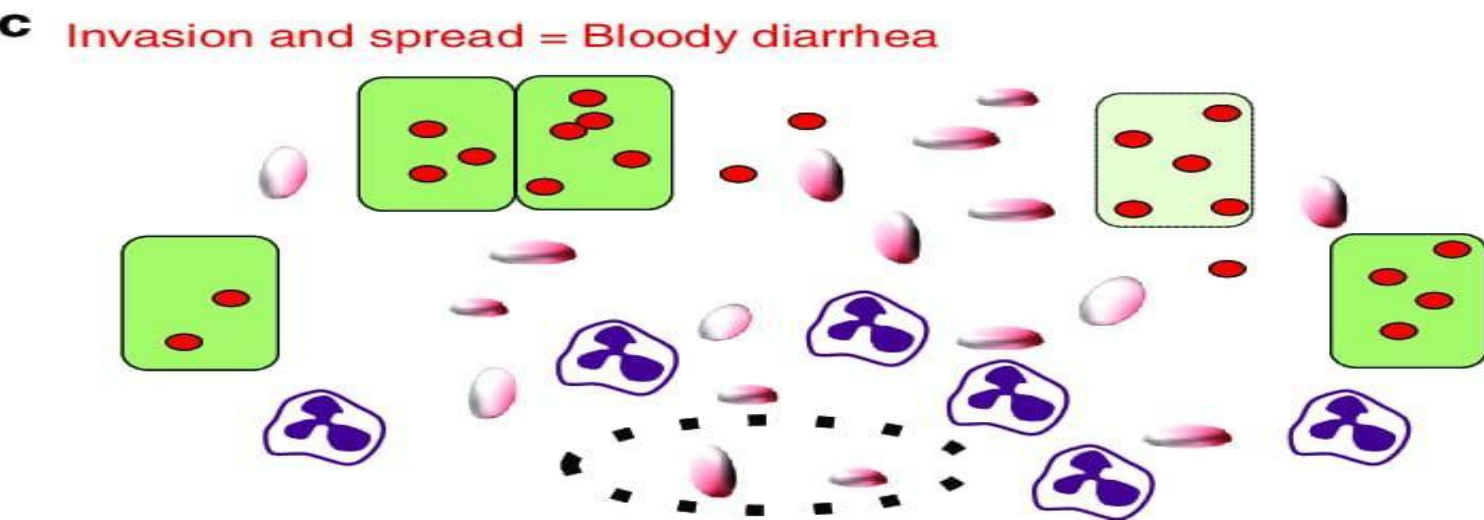
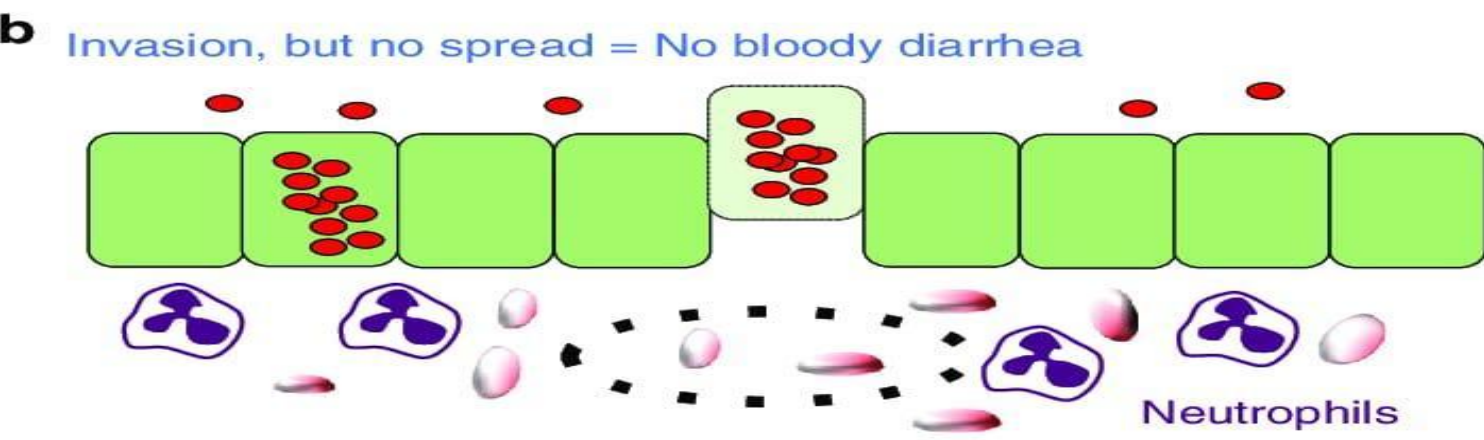
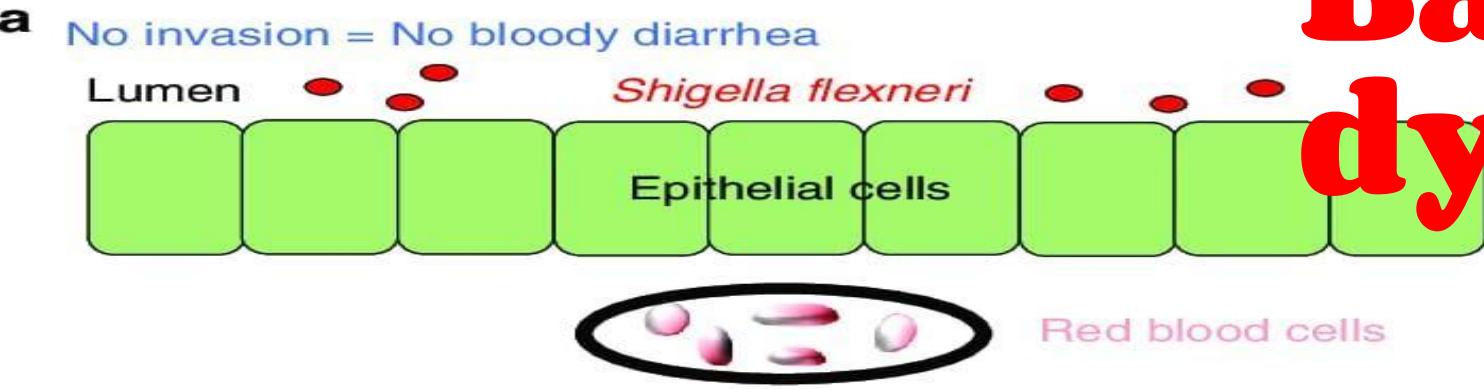


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Typhoid is caused by the bacteria *S. typhi* and spread through food, drinks, and drinking water that are contaminate

Bacillary dysentery



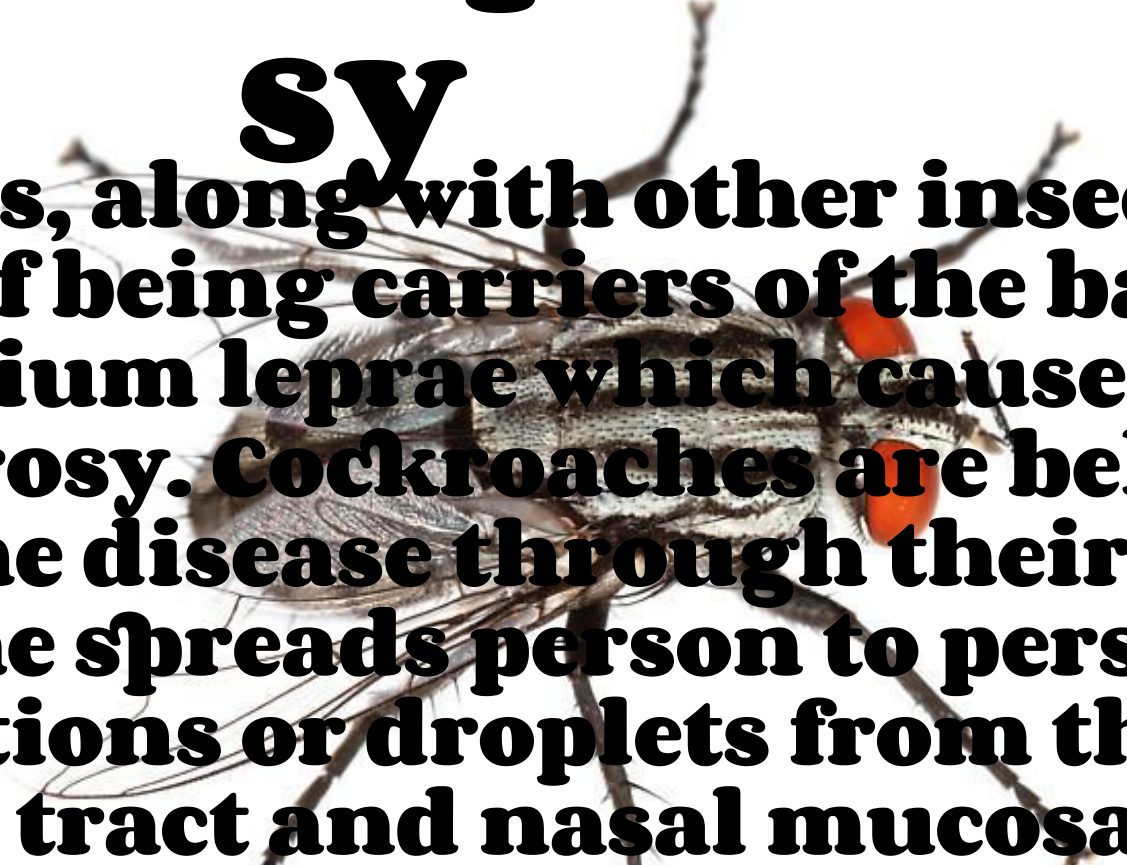
Bacillary dysentery is a type of dysentery, and is a severe form of shigellosis. Bacillary dysentery is associated with species of bacteria from the family Enterobacteriaceae. The term is usually restricted to Shigella infections. Shigellosis is caused by one of several

Enteric fever



Enteric Diseases and Food-Borne Diseases. Enteric diseases are caused by micro-organisms such as viruses, bacteria and parasites that cause intestinal illness. These diseases most frequently result from consuming contaminated food or water and some can spread from person to person

Lepro sy



Cockroaches, along with other insects, are suspected of being carriers of the bacillus *Mycobacterium leprae* which causes the disease leprosy. Cockroaches are believed to spread the disease through their faeces. *leprae* spreads person to person by nasal secretions or droplets from the upper respiratory tract and nasal mucosa. However, the disease is not highly contagious like the flu. They speculate that infected droplets reach other peoples' nasal passages and begin the infection there.

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Thank You!

